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## NOTABLE VICTORY WON.

Corpus Christi has won a notable victory in the passage of the bill for the breakwater.

This measure was vital to the entire scheme of protection of the city. It was vital to the creation of the great deep water port which we hope to have and which is well in train.

## SPREADING POISON

Unless there is something undisclosed to prevent the trial of Clara Hannon upon the charge of murdering her uncle-in-law, for whom she acted as clerk and companion, will go on in Oklahoma for a few days. There is nothing in the case which differentiates it from others of a similar kind in which a young woman is accused of killing a much older man with whom she has been associated. Details of the doings of this woman have been poured out over the press wires for weeks. All kinds of "soak stories" have been written and sent forth.

There has been studied attempt to interest all readers of newspapers in this unsavory and uninteresting scandal. It may be that some good purpose can be attained by this mass of detail reaching the families of this city, or any other city, but the lesson it teaches every girl who has not firm foundation in proper home training is that there is unlimited publicity and soap to vanity in a course which ends in a grisly death for one person and the parading of a woman in the glare of trial for a supreme crime.

Thanks of this entire section are due the two men who have done this valiant service in a cause so near the prosperity of the city and all surrounding it.

## NEEDED — A LEADER

Initiative without a follow-up is not worth a hoot. It is the history of every smaller town or city that there is dearth of meeting and resolving that ends with the discussion of what should be done. Corpus Christi suffered in this respect just as other cities have. It has today the opportunity to take up a program of advance which shall be profitable to both the individuals who make the move and to the city.

There is nothing more evident than that the city lacks apartments. It needs houses also, but its grievous need is of apartments with modern conveniences. The meeting of builders, speculators and others Wednesday set the situation clearly. Men in the various lines said that building material had reached as low a price as can be expected and that labor that goes into construction is as cheap as it is likely to be. It was set forth also that if there is no occupation here for engineers and other workmen the best of them will be forced to go elsewhere where there is a demand for their services.

The proposition has been set forth—evidently there is no excuse for delay—if we really mean to act. The question is whether we have the desire for necessary housing strongly enough to bring action in creating it. It was stated at the meeting mentioned that an architect stood ready to furnish plans upon which satisfactory apartments could be erected at a minimum of cost. It was detailed how the profit as well as the civic advantage of apartments is greater than that of detached cottages.

Everything is in readiness save leadership. What is necessary is for some man or organization to

step out and start the movement which all of us know to be necessary to obtain the apartments we need. It will be a surprise to learn how easily the entire undertaking may be accomplished once there is a beginning. There may be men in this city who can form a building association and obtain financial backing if they lack it. The return upon investment is much more sure than may be had in almost any other use of money. If the proposition is explained thoroughly it would be no task to do it. Suppose there were a building association formed with capital for one good apartment house. The shares might be made in small units. The selling of such units should be easy.

It is true that men of considerable free money are not plentiful, but there are hundreds who could buy a few \$25 shares and would be glad to toss out sprats with the prospect of landing fish worth while.

Time for building for the coming season is short, yet ample. We should be glad to see some man make the necessary start. It would pay all concerned and be a great benefit to the city.

Men have not changed much in a hundred years, as far as initiative is concerned. Let one man or association start an apartment house scheme and there will be plenty of others to follow the path.

The difficulty is to find the leader. Surely there is in this city some man who can and will start the building boom. Now is the time for him to decide to go into the matter.

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## Gassaway Miles—Motorist

By Stanley

Just Folks  
by Edgar A. Guest

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"I think I'll just go to work," says the woman.

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